II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a certain Quality of Service (QoS) to a data stream of an application executing in a terminal device communicating data over a sockets connection, wherein the method comprises:

providing a uniquely identifiable identifier (UID, Stream Type) to at least one of the application and the data stream from or to the application;~~, and~~

determining an association between said identifier and a particular QoS policy in a database stored in said terminal device;

determining in said terminal device QoS parameters contained in the QoS policy; and

communicating from said terminal device to the network the QoS parameters to be applied to said at least one of the application and the data stream from or to the application

~~associating said identifier (UID, Stream Type) with a particular QoS in order to apply the particular QoS to said at at least one of the particular application and the particular data stream, which application or data stream is identified by the identifier~~.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises transferring the identifier (UID, Stream Type) over the sockets connection.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the method further comprises

providing a socket application program interface to the application,

establishing a socket for transfer of the data stream, and

transferring the identifier (UID, Stream Type) over the socket application program interface to uniquely identify said at least one of the particular application and the particular data stream, which application or data stream is identified by the identifier, in order apply the particular QoS to the data stream being communicated over the sockets connection.

4. (Currently Amended) A device comprising;

an application program for executing a particular application;~~, and~~

means for communicating data over a sockets connection, wherein the device further comprises;

means for providing a uniquely identifiable identifier (UID, Stream Type) to at least one of the application and the data from or to the application;~~, and~~

means for determining an association between said identifier and a particular QoS policy in a database stored in said device;

means for determining in said device the QoS parameters contained in the QoS policy; and

means for communicating from said device to the network the QoS parameters to be applied to said at least one of the application and the data stream from or to the application

~~means for associating said identifier (UID, Stream Type) with a particular QoS in order to apply the particular QoS to said at least one of the particular application and the particular data, which application or data is identified by the identifier~~.

5. (Currently Amended) A device comprising:

an application program for executing a particular application~~, and~~;

means for communicating data over a sockets connection, wherein the device further comprises;

means for associating a centrally defined identifier (UID, Stream Type) to, ~~which identifies~~ at least one of the application and the data from or to the application;~~,~~

means for determining an association between said identifier and a particular QoS policy in a database stored in said device;

means for determining in said device the QoS parameters contained in the QoS policy; and

means for communicating from said device to the network the QoS parameters to be applied to said at least one of the application and the data stream from or to the application ~~with a particular QoS in order to apply the~~

~~particular QoS to said at least one of the particular application and the particular data, which application or data is identified by the identifier~~.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 4, wherein the device further comprises

means for providing a socket application program interface to the application,

means for establishing a socket for transfer of the data, and

means for transferring the identifier (UID, Stream Type) over the socket application program interface to uniquely identify said at least one of the particular application and the particular data, which application or data is identified by the identifier, in order apply the particular QoS to the data being communicated over the sockets connection.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for an electronic device having an application to communicate data over a sockets connection, wherein in that the computer program product comprises;

computer program means for providing a uniquely identifiable identifier (UID, Stream Type) to at least one of the application and the data from or to the application~~, and~~;

computer program means for determining an association between said identifier and a particular QoS policy in a database stored in said electronic device;

computer program means for determining said electronic device the QoS parameters contained in the QoS policy; and

computer program means for communicating from said electronic device to the network the QoS parameters to be applied to said at least one of the application and the data stream from or to the application

~~computer program means for associating said identifier (UID, Stream Type) with a particular QoS in order to apply the particular QoS to said at least one of the particular application and the particular data, which application or data is identified by the identifier~~.

8. (Original) A computer program product according to claim 7, wherein the computer program product further comprises

computer program means for providing a socket application program interface to the application,

computer program means for establishing a socket for transfer of the data, and

computer program means for transferring the identifier (UID, Stream Type) over the socket application program interface to uniquely identify said at least one of the particular application and the particular data, which application or data is identified by the identifier, in

order apply the particular QoS to the data being communicated over the sockets connection.